

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:  
  
identifying a common element in a plurality of articles ~~boilerplate element in an~~  
  
~~article comprising a plurality of elements, the plurality of elements comprising~~  
  
~~the boilerplate element and a content element;~~  
  
analyzing a spatial location of the common element in an article of the plurality of  
  
articles; and  
  
~~generating an implicit search query comprising a search term, the search term~~  
  
~~comprising a term present in the content element~~  
  
determining whether the common element is a boilerplate element of the article based  
  
at least in part on the spatial location.
  
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, ~~wherein identifying the boilerplate~~  
~~element comprises identifying a common element in a plurality of related articles~~ further  
comprising generating an implicit search query including a search term, the search term  
comprising a term present in a content element of the article, the content element being  
distinguishable from the boilerplate element.
  
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the common element comprises a  
copyright notice.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the common element comprises a term having a low inverse document frequency measure.

5. (Currently Amended) A method comprising: ~~The method of claim 1, wherein identifying the boilerplate element comprises~~

comparing an element in an article ~~at least one of the plurality of elements~~ to a

predetermined list to generate a comparison result;

analyzing a spatial location of the element in the article; and

determining whether the element is a boilerplate element of the article based at least

in part on the spatial location and the comparison result.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~identifying the boilerplate element comprises analyzing the spatial location at least one of the plurality of elements~~ analyzing the spatial location of the common element comprises:

determining whether the common element is at the bottom of the article.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~identifying the boilerplate~~ common element comprises ~~analyzing~~ a navigational element of the article.

8. (Currently Amended) A method comprising: ~~The method of claim 1, wherein identifying the boilerplate element comprises analyzing a link element of the article~~

identifying a common element in a plurality of articles;

analyzing a link associated with the common element in an article of the plurality of articles; and  
determining whether the common element is a boilerplate element of the article based at least in part on the link associated with the common element.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein analyzing the link associated with the common element of the article comprises analyzing an address to which the link element refers.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising: wherein identifying the boilerplate element comprises

analyzing a markup language element proximate to at least one of the plurality of elements the common element in the article,  
wherein determining whether the common element is a boilerplate element comprises  
determining whether the common element is a boilerplate element of the article based at least in part on the markup language element.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~A method comprising~~ The method of claim 1, further comprising:

~~identifying a boilerplate element in an article comprising a plurality of elements, the plurality of elements comprising the boilerplate element and a content element;~~

responding to the common element being the boilerplate element, removing the  
boilerplate element from the article; and  
indexing the article.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~A method comprising~~ The method of claim 1, further comprising:

~~identifying a boilerplate element in an article comprising a plurality of elements, the plurality of elements comprising the boilerplate element and a content element; and~~  
determining a ~~weight for each of the plurality of~~ weights for elements in the article  
based at least in part on whether the ~~element is a~~ elements are boilerplate  
elements ~~element~~.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising:

receiving a search query;  
determining articles relevant to the search query; and  
ranking the articles based at least in part on the determined weights.

14. (Currently Amended) A tangible computer-readable medium on which is encoded program code, the encoded program code comprising:

program code for identifying a common element in a plurality of articles ~~boilerplate element in an article comprising a plurality of elements, the plurality of elements comprising the boilerplate element and a content element;~~

program code for analyzing a spatial location of the common element in an article of the plurality of articles; and  
~~program code for generating an implicit search query comprising a search term, the search term comprising a term present in the content element~~  
program code for determining whether the common element is a boilerplate element of the article based at least in part on the spatial location.

15. (Currently Amended) The tangible computer-readable medium of claim 14, wherein the encoded program code further comprises:

program code for generating an implicit search query including a search term, the search term comprising a term present in a content element of the article, the content element being distinguishable from the boilerplate element identifying the boilerplate element comprises program code for identifying a common element in a plurality of related articles.

16. (Currently Amended) A tangible computer-readable medium on which is encoded program code, the encoded program code comprising: ~~The computer-readable medium of claim 14, wherein identifying the boilerplate element comprises~~

program code for comparing an element in an article at least one of the plurality of elements to a predetermined list to generate a comparison result;  
program code for analyzing a spatial location of the element in the article; and  
program code for determining whether the element is a boilerplate element of the article based at least in part on the spatial location and the comparison result.

17. (Currently Amended) The tangible computer-readable medium of claim 14, wherein ~~identifying the boilerplate element comprises analyzing the spatial location at least one of the plurality of elements~~ analyzing the spatial location of the common element comprises:  
determining whether the common element is at the bottom of the article.

18. (Currently Amended) The tangible computer-readable medium of claim 14, wherein ~~identifying the boilerplate~~ common element comprises ~~analyzing~~ a navigational element of the article.

19. (Currently Amended) A tangible computer-readable medium on which is encoded program code, the encoded program code comprising: ~~The computer-readable medium of claim 14, wherein identifying the boilerplate element comprises analyzing a link element of the article~~

program code for identifying a common element in a plurality of articles;

program code for analyzing a link associated with the common element in an article  
of the plurality of articles; and

program code for determining whether the common element is a boilerplate element  
of the article based at least in part on the link associated with the common  
element.

20. (Currently Amended) The tangible computer-readable medium of claim 16 ~~19~~, wherein analyzing the link associated with the common element ~~of the article~~ comprises analyzing an address to which the link ~~element~~ refers.

21. (Currently Amended) The tangible computer-readable medium of claim 14, wherein the encoded program code further comprises: wherein identifying the boilerplate element comprises

program code for analyzing a markup language element proximate to at least one of  
the plurality of elements the common element in the article,  
wherein determining whether the common element is a boilerplate element comprises  
determining whether the common element is a boilerplate element of the  
article based at least in part on the markup language element.

22. (Currently Amended) The tangible computer-readable medium of claim 14, wherein the encoded program code further comprises ~~A computer-readable medium on which is encoded program code, the program code comprising:~~

~~program code for identifying a boilerplate element in an article comprising a plurality~~  
~~of elements, the plurality of elements comprising the boilerplate element and a~~  
~~content element;~~  
program code for responding to the common element being the boilerplate element,  
removing the boilerplate element from the article; and  
program code for indexing the article.

23. (Currently Amended) The tangible computer-readable medium of claim 14, wherein the encoded program code further comprises A computer-readable medium on which is encoded program code, the program code comprising:

~~program code for identifying a boilerplate element in an article comprising a plurality of elements, the plurality of elements comprising the boilerplate element and a content element; and~~

program code for determining a weight for each of the plurality of weights for elements in the article based at least in part on whether the ~~element is a~~ elements are boilerplate elements ~~element~~.

24. (Currently Amended) The tangible computer-readable medium of claim 23, further comprising:

program code for receiving a search query;

program code for determining articles relevant to the search query; and

program code for ranking the articles based as least in part on the determined weights.

25. (New) The method of claim 5, wherein the predetermined list comprises terms or phrases, and wherein the comparison result indicates whether the element matches a term or a phrase in the predetermined list.

26. (New) The method of claim 10, wherein the markup language element proximate to the common element comprises a markup language element affecting a display of the common element in the article.